



Nº 12/009

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to refer to the Embassy's Note No. 11-145 of 19 August 2011, which reads as follows:

**"The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and refers to the cooperative program facilitating space flight operations implemented in accordance with the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia concerning Space Vehicle Tracking and Communications Facilities ("the Agreement"), effected by exchange of notes at Canberra May 29, 1980, as amended.**

In view of the mutual benefits to be derived from this cooperative program, the Embassy, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, proposes that the Agreement be amended as follows:

**Paragraph 1 of Article 13 of the Agreement shall be replaced with the following:**

- (1) This Agreement shall remain in force until February 26, 2014, or until a further agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia concerning space vehicle tracking and communication facilities is concluded and enters into force, whichever occurs first. The present Agreement may be further extended by the agreement of the two Governments.**

The Embassy further proposes that if the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of Australia, then this note and the Government of Australia's affirmative note in reply shall constitute an agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia to amend the Agreement, which shall enter into force on the date of the notification by the Government of Australia to the Government of the United States of America by diplomatic note that it has completed the domestic processes necessary for this purpose, with effect from February 26, 2012."

The Department has the honour to confirm that the Embassy's proposals are acceptable to the Australian Government. Accordingly the Embassy's Note and this Note in reply shall together constitute an agreement between the

Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia to extend the Agreement.

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date the Government of Australia notifies the Government of the United States of America, by diplomatic note, that it has completed the domestic processes necessary for this purpose, with effect from 26 February 2012.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America assurances of its highest consideration.



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11 January 2012

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and refers to the cooperative program facilitating space flight operations implemented in accordance with the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia concerning Space Vehicle Tracking and Communications Facilities ("the Agreement"), effected by exchange of notes at Canberra May 29, 1980, as amended.

In view of the mutual benefits to be derived from this cooperative program, the Embassy, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, proposes that the Agreement be amended as follows:

Paragraph 1 of Article 13 of the Agreement shall be replaced with the following:

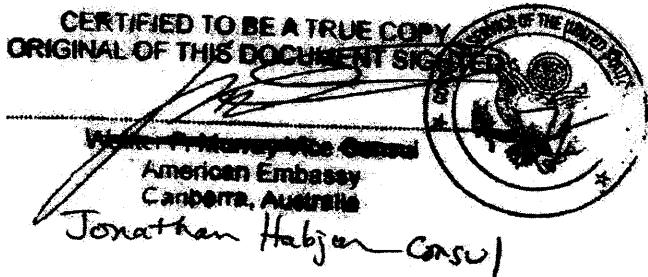
- (1) This Agreement shall remain in force until February 26, 2014, or until a further agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia concerning space vehicle tracking and communication facilities is concluded and enters into force, whichever occurs first. The present Agreement may be further extended by the agreement of the two Governments.

The Embassy further proposes that if the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of Australia, then this note and the Government of Australia's affirmative note in reply shall constitute an agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia to amend the Agreement, which shall enter into force on the date of the notification by the Government of Australia to the Government of the United States of America by diplomatic note that it has completed the domestic processes necessary for this purpose, with effect from February 26, 2012.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America,

Canberra, August 19, 2011.





Nº 12/025

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to refer to the Embassy's Note No. 11-145 of 19 August 2011, and the Department's Note No 12/009 of 11 January 2012 regarding the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Australia concerning Space Vehicle Tracking and Communications Facilities ("the Agreement"), effected by exchange of notes at Canberra May 29, 1980, as amended.

The Department has the honour to confirm that the Government of Australia has completed its domestic processes necessary for the entry into force of the amendment extending the Agreement until February 26, 2014 or until a further agreement is concluded and enters into force, whichever occurs first. The Department further confirms that this amendment entered into force with the Department's Note No 12/009 on January 11, 2012, with effect from February 26, 2012.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America assurances of its highest consideration.



CANBERRA  
2 February 2012